Restructuring the Public Sector Commercial Banks

1941. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restructure the public sector commercial banks; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) A High Level Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Shri M. Narasimham to examine all aspects relating to structure, organisation, functions and procedures of the financial system. The Committee submitted its report on 20th November, 1991. On the structure of the banking system, the Committee, inter-alia, recommended that the banking system should evolve towards a broad pattern consisting of:—

(a) 3 or 4 large banks (including the State Bank of India) which could become international in character.

(b) 8 to 10 national banks with a network of branches throughout the country engaged in 'universal' banking;

(c) local banks whose operations would be generally confined to a specific region, and

(d) rural banks (including RRBs) whose operations would be confined to the rural areas and whose business would be predominantly financing of agriculture and allied activities.

The Committee was also of the view that the move towards this revised system should be market driven and based on profitability considerations and brought about through a process of mergers and acquisitions.

Overdue Bank Amounts from Tobacco Companies

1942. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 109 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1993 and state:

(a) what is the number of overdue accounts in the UCO bank and Indian Overseas Bank;

(b) since when these are overdue;

(c) what are those companies;

(d) what is the total amount of over due in each account;

(e) whether there are quality-wise and quantity-wise adequacy of the stocks;

(f) how old is the latest stock verification; and

(g) what is the percentage of margin money provided by the parties and what is the percentage value of securities offered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) have reported that three accounts were overdue since 1993. Information from UCO Bank is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (g) In accordance with the practices and usages customary among banks and in conformity with the provisions of Statutes governing the Public Sector Banks, information relating to individual constituents of the banks can not be divulged.

स्टेट बैंक आफ इंदौर की नवलखा स्थित शाखा द्वारा दिए गए ऋण

1943. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान स्टेट बैंक आफ इंदौर की नवलखा शाखा इंदौर के शाखा प्रबंधक ने कैलाश सहारा औद्योगिक संस्थानों और अन्य कम्पनियों